

MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION

STATE BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL, FIRE AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

MEETING MINUTES

August 14, 2018

Committee Meeting Date and Location: Tuesday, August 14, 2018, Ohio Department of Public Safety, Conf. Rm.1107

Committee Members Present: Tom Allenstein, Kent Appelhans, Dave DeVore, Linda Hines, Michael Jackson, Robert Martin,

Committee Members Absent: Beth Calcidise, Lisa Feicht, Vincent Harris, Amy Haughn, Jerry Winkler, Dudley Wright, Natasha Meinert

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Dave Fiffick, Connie White, Linda Smith

Visitor: Kellie Ruetsch

Welcome and Introduction – T. Allenstein
Meeting convened at 2:37 p.m.

Approval of June 19, 2018 Minutes

ACTION: *Motion to approve the Medical Transportation meeting minutes from June 19, 2018 – with the change of “Board” Meeting instead of “Committee” Meeting in the motion to approve Apex and Hanco EMS.* Mr. Martin – First. Mr. Resanovich – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Proposed New Committee Members:

Resubmit recommendation for Scott Arthur to be approved as a member for the Medical Transportation Committee.

Review Passenger Assistance Programs / First Aid Programs for Board Approval:

Apex Transit Solutions

Pro Training / Pro CPR / First Aid

Hanco EMS

Mr. Fiffick: 1. Apex Transit Solutions was approved at the June meeting. After the Board meeting, the DRIVE program notified the Division of EMS that their program is copy

written and services are copying their program without permission. Upon further review, Apex Transit Solutions program had some DRIVE material in it. Apex was notified and made changes to their program and is being recommended for approval at the EMFTS Board meeting. 2. Hanco EMS requested approval of their program at the June meeting. Due to a lack of quorum their program could not be approved. Their program was again presented at this meeting and is being recommended for approval at the EMFTS Board meeting.

ACTION: Motion to approve Apex Program with updated content and Hanco for Board Approval. Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Martin – Second. None abstained. Motion amended.

Pro Training, LLC: CPR and First Aid

Mr. Fiffick: Pro Training provides CPR and First aid through a web based video training program and in a classroom setting. Pro Training is requesting approval for two type of training: (1) Pro CPR and (2) Pro First Aid Advanced that includes CPR. The courses are taught in one of three ways: (1) Online cognitive, (2) Blended (online and hands-on), and (3) Traditional classroom setting.

OAC 7466-3-13 requires ambulette drivers to have a valid CPR and First Aid certificate taught by an approved program and must include a hands on component.

Lengthy discussion ensued about the hands on portion of the blended teaching method where the instructor is viewing the student on a web camera, not in person, and the student is using a mannequin that is purchased from Pro Training that resembles a cardboard box. Pro Training webpage was displayed for the committee.

The committee can recommend approval of the in classroom training only, but asked that more information be obtained before considering the blended teaching method. The committee also asked that Pro Training provide clarification on if the CPR and First Aid certification card distinguishes between blended and classroom instruction. The cards displayed on the webpage only distinguished between **no** hands-on training (one instructor signature) and **with** hands on training (two instructor signatures).

ACTION: Motion to approve Pro Training CPR and First Aid including where student must perform the hands on CPR in front of live instructor for Board Approval. Mr. Wolters – First. Ms. Hines – Second. None opposed.

Life Care Hospice: Update

Mr. Fiffick: As you know, we have been working with LifeCare Hospice to add a new level of service and new vehicle type for transporting hospice care patients by stretcher. Proposed language has been drafted for ORC 4766. A draft copy was sent to you prior to the meeting. The intent of the new language is to license the hospice level of service and vehicle similar in ORC and OAC as currently done with ambulance, MoICU, ambulette and air medical. The ORC includes definitions for Hospice Care Program, Hospice Patient and Hospice Vehicle. These definitions define who is eligible to be licensed at this level and the specific type of patient that is permitted to be transported in the hospice vehicle. The next step will be development of the rules (OAC) that will include the specific type of vehicle that can be used, the equipment and supplies

required in the vehicle, the staffing requirements that include, certification and training requirements, and medical protocol that outlines the condition of the patient that can be transported in a hospice vehicle.

Ms. Rose: Raised the question of why are we doing this for one hospice? Has there been any study done indicating that hospice transportation needs are not being met by current methods of ambulance transporting the patients? Is this a statewide problem?

Mr. Fiffick explained that LifeCare Hospice approached the Div. of EMS stating they had the idea of transporting their own patients. They had already contacted a legislator that was willing to work with them but wanted to have the input of the Div. of EMS before they moved forward. Their major reason for doing this was because their patients were experiencing long wait times for ambulance transports. Most of the patients being transported were not receiving any type of medical care. They just needed to be transported lying down. They also wanted to be able to train their staff that would be doing these transports how to deal with the special needs of a hospice patient and their family. LifeCare Hospice agrees that any of their patients that require medical care would need to go by ambulance.

Mr. Allenstein: Suggest an open work group; all members volunteered to be part of the work group. A meeting invite will be sent to LifeCare Hospice to go over the proposed changes ORC 4766 and start work on OAC language. Proposed date September 18th at Med Flight.

Discuss Fatigue in EMS: T. Allenstein

The committee discussed the Patterson Study on Fatigue in EMS. All agreed that more discussion needs to take place regarding this issue. A suggestion was made to reach out to EMS agencies to see if any agencies have a policy fatigue.

Ms. Rose volunteered to start crafting a white paper to present to the EMFTS Board.



Patterson -
Fatigue.pdf

Adjourn

ACTION: Motion to adjourn at 3:46 p.m. Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Wolters – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Work Group Meeting: September 18, 2018 10:00 @ Medflight

Next Committee Meeting: October 16, 2018 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., ODPS Room 1107